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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Grand Canyon National Park Commercial Use Authorization Holder:

Grand Canyon National Park's Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) program is implementing mandatory changes to requirements for Commercial Transportation CUAs, effective January 1, 2018. To comply with National Park Service (NPS) Service-wide standards, Commercial Transportation CUAs will be hereafter categorized as Road-based Commercial Tour CUAs. Road-based Commercial Tours are defined as one or more persons traveling by improved roadway on an itinerary that is packaged, priced or sold for leisure or recreational purposes.

Public Law 105-391 Section 418 requires the NPS to collect a reasonable fee for CUAs in an amount at least sufficient to recover the NPS' costs in administering and managing the CUA. Under current authority, there is no basis to exempt Road-Based Commercial Tour operators from the requirements of the law. Grand Canyon National Park will implement mandatory fees for Road-based Commercial Tour CUAs over a two-year period starting with CUAs that are issued for 2018. All revenue from CUA fees remain in the park and are used in the management of the CUA program.

Road-based Commercial Tour CUA applicants will be charged a nonrefundable application fee of \$250.00 starting with CUAs that are issued for 2018. For 2019, an additional market price fee, based on a percentage of gross receipts earned from in-park or park dependent operations, will be required. Guidelines on the market price fee requirement are forthcoming.

These new Road-based Commercial Tour CUA fees do not include the commercial tour entrance fees required at Grand Canyon National Park entrance stations. Tour companies will continue to pay the commercial tour entrance fee established by the NPS Recreation Fee program.

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Commercial Services at 928-638-7707 or grca_permits_mail@nps.gov. For general information about the Park's CUA program and to access application materials, please visit: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/management/cua.htm>.

Sincerely,

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